

Puppy Skills

Requirements: Puppies must be between three and six months old. MUST BRING LEASH, COLLAR AND SOFT TREATS

In addition to be socialized, puppies will learn how to:

- Walk on leash
- Sit, lie down, stay and come when called
- Manage new situations
- Introduction to balanced training

Beginner

Requirements: Dogs must be at least six months old. A training collar will be provided as part of the class fee.

Dog/handler teams will be taught how to:

- Sit, down and stand on command
- Stay and come when called
- Walk politely on leash

The class will also focus on the following home manners:

- Grooming and handling, including checking ears, teeth and feet
- Stopping jumping up and incessant barking
- Relinquishing toys, food and other items at handler's request
- Teaching door respect and "leave it"

Advanced Beginner

Requirements: Dogs must have completed the Beginner class or demonstrated equivalent skills.

This class will prepare dog/handler teams for the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC) which will be given on the last night of class. Items on the CGC test include:

- Accepting a friendly stranger
- Sitting politely for petting
- Appearance and grooming
- Out for a walk on a loose leash
- Walking through a crowd
- Sit and down on command and staying in place
- Coming when called
- Reaction to another dog
- Reaction to distraction
- Supervised separation

Beginner Novice

Requirements: Dogs must have completed the Fundamentals II class or demonstrated equivalent skills.

This class will provide new handlers with an introduction to formal showing in the obedience ring. It will also teach dog/handler teams the exercises necessary to compete in AKC-sanctioned dog shows in the Beginner Novice (BN) class. These include:

- Focused Heeling and Footwork
- Figure eight
- Sit for exam
- Sit stay
- Recall
- Introduction to dog shows

Novice

Requirements: Dog must have completed the Fundamentals II class or demonstrated equivalent skills.

This class will teach dog/handler teams the exercises necessary to compete in AKC-sanctioned dog shows in the Companion Dog (CD) class.

Dog/handler teams will be taught the following:

- Heel on and off leash
- Figure eight
- Stand for exam
- Recall
- Stay while retrieving lead
- Stays and other skills

Introduction to Open

Requirements: Dog must have completed the Novice class or demonstrated equivalent skills.

This class will teach dog/handler teams the exercises necessary to compete in AKC-sanctioned dog shows in the Graduate Novice (GN) class.

Dog/handler teams will be taught the following:

- Heel off leash w/figure eight
- Drop on Recall
- Dumbbell Recall
- Recall over the High Jump
- Recall over the Broad Jump
- Introduction to change of position

Open/Utility

Requirements: Dog must have completed the Novice class or demonstrated equivalent skills.

This class will teach dog/handler teams the exercises necessary to compete in AKC-sanctioned dog shows in the Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) class and the Utility Dog (UD) class.

These include - Open:

- Heel off leash
- Figure eight
- Drop on recall
- Retrieve on the flat (retrieval exercise)
- Retrieve on high (retrieval exercise)
- Broad jump
- Change of Position
- Stay while retrieving lead
- Change of position; sit, down, stand

These include - Utility:

- Signal Exercises
- Articles
- Directed Retrieve
- Moving Stand
- Directed Jumping

Rally Skills Classes

Requirements: Dogs must be at least six months old and have completed the Fundamentals II class or demonstrated equivalent skills.

Dog/handler teams will learn the exercises needed to compete in:

- AKC Rally Novice (on leash)
- AKC Rally Intermediate (on leash)
- AKC Rally Advanced (off leash)
- AKC Rally Excellent (off leash)
- AKC Rally Masters (off leash)

Tricks

Requirements: Dogs must have completed the Beginner class or demonstrated equivalent skills.

Dog/Handler will be taught behavior shaping skills and methods to learn tricks including those listed under the AKC Trick dog title guidelines.